

The following Address, and particular Instances as to the Duties demanded on Prize Goods brought into Jamaica, were sent from that Island by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in March 17²²/₁₀: Whereupon an Act pass'd in the Ninth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, That Prize Goods should not be liable to the Demand of Duties by Vertue of an Act, Entituled, An Act to Encourage to Trade to America for the future: And all Proceedings upon the Bonds enter'd into were ordered to be staid until a clear State of those Bonds could be had from Jamaica, and laid before this present Parliament. Since then an Account of the said Bonds has been transmitted by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, as well as by the Collector of Her Majesty's Duties in the said Island to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs in Great Britain; which Account is hereunto annexed.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Jamaica, being sensible that our Safety and Preservation, through the Bloody and Perilous War, is (under God) intirely owing to Your Majesty's Care and Protection of Us, and relying upon the Continuance thereof, and of those Princely Virtues of Love, Tenderness, and Compassion to Your Subjects, so eminently Conspicuous in Your Royal Person, now in our extream Necessity and low Condition, to which our Misfortunes have reduced us, and the impending Danger which seems to threaten, venture to prostrate our selves at Your Royal Feet, humbly to implore Your Majesty to lend a gracious Ear to our Complaints.

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WE humbly presume Your Majesty must have been already inform'd of our many Losses, sustain'd of late from the Enemy, and of the great Desertion of our Sea-faring Men, in whom consisted our best Defence: And we have Reason to fear those which remain will continue to Desert, unless Your Majesty will be pleas'd to extend Your Bountiful Relief to us, in what we humbly conceive to be the Cause of our Misfortunes.

IT would be unpardonable in us to trouble Your Majesty with ennumerating all the ill Effects of this Cause, which we take to be, with all Submission, the Demand of Duties upon Prize Goods, by Colour of an Act of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade to America*, most of which very much exceed the Intrinsick Value of the said Goods themselves, to the unspeakable Prejudice of the Merchants, and others, concerned in fitting up private Ships of War, some particular Cases and Instances whereof we have thought proper to send to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations.

THIS, may it please Your Majesty, is what we look upon to be the Fountain and Source of our Misfortunes, which are the more sensible to us, when we reflect upon the happy Effect that Act of Parliament seem'd to promise: At its first publishing great Numbers of Seafaring Men, from all Parts, resorting to us, and abundance of private Ships of War fitted out, which did very great Service against our Enemies. We cannot but be assured Your Majesty will be concerned and surpris'd to hear, that by an Interpretation of an Act of Parliament, made for the Encouragement of Trade, Trade is decayed amongst us; what was intended for the Benefit and Advantage of private Ships of War, has prov'd the Ruin of several Persons concern'd in them; and that what was design'd for the strengthening Your Majesty's Colonies, and Destruction of Your Enemies, has, in effect, dispeopled this Your Island, and given Your Enemies an Opportunity of Triumphant over us: Whether Your Majesty's Ships here have not suffered in Proportion by Desertions, occasion'd in a great Measure by the above Demands, we leave to be represented to You by Your Majesty's late Admiral here, and other Your Majesty's Commanders.

Wherefore we humbly hope Your Majesty will be of Opinion, That it is an unnatural Construction of an Act of Parliament, and contrary to the Nature, Design, and End of it; and that the Duties intended to be paid by that Act, are such only as always have been paid for the Support of Your Majesty's Government of this Island, without which we have not Means to Support it: And that Your Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to give Directions, that no further Duties be demanded on Prize Goods, and what has been Exacted to be restored. But if we have made a wrong Interpretation of the said Act, and that Your Majesty is advis'd our Misfortunes are warranted by a Law, You will then, in Your Princely Favour and Wisdom, vouchsafe us such Relief, as to Your Majesty, in the Extremity of our Case, shall seem Requisite.



Particular

Particular Instances of Hardships referred to in the Address presented to Her Majesty, prov'd out of the Collectors Accounts, and otherwise, humbly presented to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to be laid before Her Majesty.

In Respect to Cocoa.

The Ship <i>St. Joseph</i> , a Prize taken by Captain Cook, and entred by <i>Thomas Coleby</i> ,	Debtor.	l.	s.	d.
To the Duties payable by an Act of this Island for raising an Additional Duty, and Impost on sundry Goods imported in this Island, &c. on 336035 l. of Cocoa at 10 l. per Cent.		1680	8	6
To the Duties demanded by the Collector upon the American Act of Parliament on 336035 l. of Cocoa, as per Collectors Account, fol. 14.		4300	4	0
To sundry Charges of Condemnation, Storidge, and Commissions, &c. paid by the Owners,		778	13	7
		6759	6	2

Per Contra,

Creditor.

By 336035 of Cocoa sold by Captain Coleby, Agent for the Prize, for		4846	14	11
If both Duties paid, Loss to the Captors by this Prize		1912	11	3
		6759	6	2

In Respect to Brandies.

The Ship <i>Vigilant</i> , a Prize taken by Captain Pinkethman, Commander of the Ship <i>Samuel</i> ,	Debtor.			
To the Additional Duty Bill, payable by an Act of this Island.		37	16	3
To the Duties on 1512 ; Gallons of Brandy, paid the Collector, as per folio 4, and his Receipt,		283	5	6
The Charges not added to this Account.		321	1	9

Per Contra,

Creditor.

By 1512 ; Gallons of Brandy at 6 s. 3 d. per Gallon.		472	13	1
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In Respect to Spanish Wine.

The Ship , taken by Samuel Ball in the Privateer <i>Porto Bello</i> Merchant.	Debtor.			
To the Additional Duty on 56 ; Pipes of Wine, as per an Account of this Island at 40 s. per Tun.		56	10	0
To the old Duty of <i>Ditto</i> , as per fol. 18.		64	13	9
To the new Duty, as per the first of James II. by the Collectors, demand in fol. 18.		317	11	9
		438	11	9

Per Contra,

Creditor.

By 56 Pipes and ; of Spanish Wine, at 8 l. per Pipe.		452		
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In Respect of Clarets.

Since the Duties demanded none has been brought in, but confident Reports have been made that much has been otherwise consum'd at Sea, and some staved; if any should be brought in it would be a Loss to the Captors, as the following Estimate, according to the Value of the best Claret Prizes that have been sold in the Island.

Duty demanded by the Collector is 25 *l.* per Tun.

Sold in *Jamaica* for 24 *l.* per Tun.

Tobacco pays by the Additional Duty Act of this Island 1 *d.* per Pound, and by the *American* Act 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, and will not sell in Parcel for above 15 *s.* per Cent.

There are many more Instances of this kind which may be observ'd in the Collectors Accounts; but these few were thought sufficient to prove the Hardships alledg'd.

In Respect to Desertions.

A great Number of Persons, most of them Deserters, being assembled at the *Sambla's* on the Coast of *Carthageen*, and his Excellency by Advice of his Council having issu'd out a Proclamation signifying, That he had pass'd her Majesty's general Pardon to all such as would return: The Answer those Persons gave, was that their Crimes did not keep them from *Jamaica*, but the want of Means to subsist when they should come; and some of these very People who came in upon the said Pardon and Proclamation have left the Island again, and gone back to the *Sambla's*.

The Additional Duty Act of this Island is the Fund out of which has always been raised the necessary Support of the Government, and the only Money they have had whereby to fit out Parties against rebellious Negroes; and at this very Juncture of time, the Government find a Necessity of making use of this Act, for the fitting out two Sloops or *Brigantines* for the Defence of the Creeks and Harbours of this Island, without which they are no ways able to support the great Charge thereof, and, what is humbly conceiv'd, will be thought a very great Burthen upon the Island, besides the Support of the Regiment which they are oblig'd to make an additional Subsistence for.

Before the Demand of Duties by the Collector upon the *American* Act, the best Prizes were Wine and Brandy, and other Goods brought from Old *France* to *Petit Guavers* and *Leogand*, which was the Reason that the private Ships of War belonging to this Island mostly cruiz'd to Windward in Quest of them, which had this further good Effect, that laying on the way for our Merchant Trading Ships, they at the same time secur'd them and our Coast; whereas since these Prizes have been render'd of no Profit, what private Men of War we have go to the *Spanish* Coast chiefly, whereby Our Trade there is interrupted, and our Island left naked.



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An Account and List of Bonds taken in the Collectors Office
Island, payable to Her Majesty by vertue of an Act made in
ment of Trade to America.

<i>Date of the Bonds.</i>	<i>Persons Bound.</i>	<i>Penalty.</i> <i>l. s. d.</i>	
13 October 1709.	Thomas Coleby, Peter Day, William Norris,	10000	Nuestra
Ditto,	Robert Howard, Edw. Crulwell, Edw. Jones,	10000	St. Jose
14 Ditto,	Thomas Coleby, Peter Day, William Norris,	10000	L'Auro
Ditto,	Tho. Simpson, Sim. Tristand, Will. Crombie,	10000	St. Joh
7 November,	Thomas Coleby, Peter Day, William Norris,	2000	Agnes
16 April, 1710.	Robert Howard, William Pers,	400	Santo I
8 June,	William Crombie, Henry Miller,	600	Ell
13 Ditto,	Thomas Simpson, William Crombie,	2800	Santo C
20 October,	John Befwick, Robert Tredway,	500	Nuestra
2 December,	Francis James Joseph, Dr. Torres,	1000	san I
10 January,	Thomas Simpson, Edwin Sands,	2000	St. Mic
24 Ditto,	John Chaplin, John Loveday,	100	Union,
Ditto,	John Chaplin, John Willard,	130	Nuestra
3 February,	John Willard, William Willard,	200	Anin
27 March, 1711.	Haron Lamago, David Nuner,	100	Nuestra
Ditto,	Robert Tredway, John Befwick,	100	San del
2 May,	William Norris, Thomas Coleby,	1000	new
30 Ditto,	John Befwick, Robert Tredway,	1000	Lewis,
31 Ditto,	Lewis Galdy, Daniel Plowman,	100	L'Iron
Ditto,	Ditto,	100	Ditto,
30 Ditto,	John Willard, John Loveday,	700	Nuestra
31 Ditto,	William Norris, William Willard,	2000	Virgin
			Taken
			Sloop
			St. Ann
			Marqui
			Sea Flo
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Great Endeavours have been used by a certain
Bonds, in Opposition to most of the Planters of

I. That Her Majesty's Subjects in other C

In Answer. The Species of Goods upon given, have been more valuable in other Colo

Again, where the Duties on Prize Goods have an Abatement in the Customs upon the Importation of them, the same is not the Case in the

2. *Suggestion.* 'Tis generally thought that of some few Persons, who have, for insignificant due on the said Bonds.

In Answer. This is false and groundless, as now residing in *Jamaica*, as well as by the *Advanc'd* some small Sums to the Sailors reduc'd when the Duties are remitted, for what remain

3d Suggestion. That the Agents have retained the said Duties.

In Answer. This is impossible, because the
for, as appears by the Address and Instances a

N.B. *None of these Suggestions were made in the Council, and Assembly of Jamaica, at their Extraordinary Session, in December, 1711.*

Office at *Jamaica*, for the Duties of Goods Imported as Prize in the said
made in the Sixth Year of Her Reign, Intituled, *An Act for the Encourage-*

Ships.	Goods.	Duties.		
		l.	s.	d.
<i>Nuestra Senora de las mezeedes y san Joseph,</i>	336035 Cocoa,	2900	1	1½
<i>St. Joseph,</i>	68600 Ditto,	636	16	9
<i>L'Aurora,</i>	<i>French Goods, Linnens, Woollens, Silks,</i>	104	4	9½
<i>St. John,</i>	and other dry Goods,	492	19	2½
<i>Agnes Di,</i>	Wines, Brandy, and dry Goods,	18	3	2¾
<i>Santo Francisco Favier, and another called,</i>	Cocoa, and a small parcel of dry Goods,	52	7	0½
<i>Ell Angel d'la Guerda,</i>	One empty, the other had Tobacco, Musco-			
	vado Sugar, Tallow, Candles, Pimento			
	Mackrell,			
<i>Santo Christo de la Porto Rio,</i>	Cocoa, Tobacco, Sweetmeats, Linnen, Silks,	315	17	8
	and other dry Goods,			
<i>Nuestra Senora de la Conception san Joseph,</i>	Wines, Brandy, Vinegar, Fruit, Spices and	1658	15	6½
<i>san Francisco Havier als la Madame,</i>	dry Goods,	146	16	6½
<i>St. Michael,</i>	Claret, Brandy, fower Wine, and dry Goods,	54	1	9½
<i>Union,</i>	Brandy, Wine, Provisions, &c.	606	14	1
<i>Nuestra Senora del Corral san Joseph y las</i>	Cocoa,	34	4	
<i>Animas,</i>	Tobacco,	43	11	4½
<i>Nuestra Senora de las Romedias y las Animas,</i>	Cocoa, Linnen, and other dry Goods,	18	8	4½
<i>San del Baptista y Nuestra Senora del Cara-</i>	Cocoa,	32	10	
<i>new y las Animas,</i>	<i>French Silks, Linnens and Woollens,</i>	16		
<i>Lewis,</i>	Ditto,	194	11	6½
<i>L'Irondell,</i>	Cocoa, Iron, and Vinegar,	142		5½
<i>Ditto,</i>	Wine, Brandy, Cocoa, Soap, Flower, Fruit, Oyl,	17	1	
<i>Nuestra Senora del Rosario y san Juan d'Dios,</i>	Furrs,	7	10	3
<i>Virgin Mary,</i>	Fish, Beef, Tallow,	344	2	
<i>Taken off Musacca, Imported by Diamond</i>	Madera Wine, Hides and Mackrell,	1206	3	4
<i>Sloop,</i>	Rum, Sugar, Molaffas, and Cocoa,			
<i>St. Anne,</i>		9043	0	1
<i>Marquis de Beautree,</i>				
<i>Sea Flower,</i>				

sed by a certain Person, to prevent the Discharge of the above-
the Planters of, and Traders to, *Jamaica*, who suggests as follows.
ts in other Colonies have justly comply'd with the Law.

Goods upon which these Duties have arisen, and the Bonds were
n other Colonies than in *Jamaica*.

Prize Goods have been paid in the other Colonies, there has been
on the Importation into *Great-Britain*.

thought that the Application now made is only to serve the turn
for insignificant Sums, purchas'd from the Captors the Moneys

groundless, and it is declar'd so by many Planters and Merchants
as by the Agents themselves: The said Agents having only ad-
ditors reduc'd to great Necessities, and are now ready to Account,
r what remains to every Person concerned therein.

ts have retain'd more than is sufficient in their Hands to satisfie

, because the Duties generally exceeded the Value the Prize fold
d Instances annexed.

tions were made by the Collector, or appear'd to the Governor, Coun-
at their Examination into this Affair in March 17th, or in Octo-

Prize Goods brought into that Island,
by virtue of an Act, Entitled, *An*
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Office at Jamaica for the said Du-
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Governor, Council, and Assembly
of Jamaica to the Queen, and some
Influences of the Duties demanded on
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